

CHAIRMAN HATCH ANNOUNCES SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 108TH CONGRESS

Washington – Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah), Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today announced that the following subcommittee assignments and their jurisdictions were approved in an executive business meeting of the full committee.

Senate Judiciary Committee Membership for the 108th Congress

Full Committee Membership (10-9)

Majority

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| Orrin G. Hatch - Chairman | (R-UT) |
| Charles E. Grassley | (R-IA) |
| Arlen Specter | (R-PA) |
| Jon Kyl | (R-AZ) |
| Mike DeWine | (R-OH) |
| Jeff Sessions | (R-AL) |
| Lindsey O. Graham | (R SC) |
| Larry Craig | (R ID) |
| Saxby Chambliss | (R GA) |
| John Cornyn | (R TX) |

Minority

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| Patrick J. Leahy - Ranking Member | (D-VT) |
| Edward M. Kennedy | (D-MA) |
| Joseph R. Biden, Jr. | (D-DE) |
| Herbert Kohl | (D-WI) |
| Dianne Feinstein | (D-CA) |
| Russell D. Feingold | (D-WI) |
| Charles E. Schumer | (D-NY) |
| Richard J. Durbin | (D-IL) |
| John Edwards | (D NC) |

Administrative Oversight and the Courts

Jurisdiction: (1) Court administration and management; (2) Judicial rules and procedures; (3) Creation of new courts and judgeships; (4) Bankruptcy; (5) Administrative practices and procedures; (6) Legal reform and liability issues; (7) Oversight of the Department of Justice grant programs, as well as government waste and fraud; (8) Private relief bills other than immigration; (9) Oversight of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Membership: (5:4)

Jeff Sessions, AL (Chairman)
Charles E. Grassley, IA
Arlen Specter, PA
Larry Craig, ID
John Cornyn, TX

Charles E. Schumer, NY (Ranking Democrat)
Patrick J. Leahy, VT
Russell D. Feingold, WI
Richard J. Durbin, IL

Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security

Jurisdiction: (1) Oversight of anti-terrorism enforcement and policy; (2) Oversight of Department of Homeland Security functions as they relate to anti-terrorism enforcement and policy; (3) Oversight of State Department consular operations as they relate to anti-terrorism enforcement and policy; (4) Oversight of laws related to government information policy, electronic privacy and security of computer information, Freedom of Information Act; (5) Oversight of encryption policies and export licensing; (6) Oversight of espionage laws and their enforcement.

Membership: (6:5)

Jon Kyl, AZ (Chairman)
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
Arlen Specter, PA
Mike DeWine, OH
Jeff Sessions, AL
Saxby Chambliss, GA

Dianne Feinstein, CA (Ranking Democrat)
Edward M. Kennedy, MA
Joseph R. Biden, Jr., DE
Herbert Kohl, WI
John Edwards, NC

Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

Jurisdiction: (1) Oversight of antitrust and competition policy laws, including the Sherman and Clayton Acts; (2) Oversight of antitrust enforcement policies of Justice Department; (3) Oversight of antitrust and competition policies of the Federal Trade Commission.

Membership: (5:4)

Mike DeWine, OH (Chairman)
Orrin G. Hatch, UT
Arlen Specter, PA
Lindsey O. Graham, SC
Saxby Chambliss, GA

Herbert Kohl, WI (Ranking Democrat)
Patrick J. Leahy, VT
Russell D. Feingold, WI
John Edwards, NC

Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights

Jurisdiction: (1) Constitutional amendments; (2) Civil rights oversight; (3) Property rights; (4) Federal-State relations; (5) Individual rights; (6) Commemorative Congressional Resolutions; and (6) Interstate compacts.

Membership: (5:4)

John Cornyn, TX (Chairman)
Jon Kyl, AZ
Lindsey O. Graham, SC
Larry Craig, ID
Saxby Chambliss, GA

Russell D. Feingold, WI (Ranking Democrat)
Edward M. Kennedy, MA
Charles E. Schumer, NY
Richard J. Durbin, IL

Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship

Jurisdiction: (1) Immigration, citizenship, and refugee laws; (2) Oversight of the immigration-related functions of the Department of Homeland Security, including the Directorate for Border and Transportation Security and the Bureau for Citizenship and Immigration Services; (3) Oversight of the immigration-related functions of the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement, and the Department of Labor; (4) Oversight of international migration and refugee laws and policy; and (5) Private immigration relief bills.

Membership: (7:6)

Saxby Chambliss, GA (Chairman)
Charles E. Grassley, IA
Jon Kyl, AZ
Mike DeWine, OH
Jeff Sessions, AL
Larry Craig, ID
John Cornyn, TX

Edward M. Kennedy, MA (Ranking Democrat)
Patrick J. Leahy, VT
Dianne Feinstein, CA
Charles E. Schumer, NY
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Crime, Corrections and Victims' Rights

Jurisdiction: (1) Oversight of the Department of Justice's (a) Criminal Division; (b) Drug Enforcement Administration; (c) Federal Bureau of Prisons; (d) Office of the Pardon Attorney; (e) U.S. Parole Commission; Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys; (f) Violence Against Women's Office; (g) U.S. Marshall's Office; (2) Oversight of the U.S. Sentencing Commission; (3) Youth violence and directly related issues; (4) Federal programs under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as Amended (including the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act), and (5) Criminal justice and victim's rights legislation; (6) Oversight of the Office of National Drug Control Policy; (7) Oversight of Community Oriented Policing Office.

Membership: (6:5)

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